

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 768? If not, all those in favor of advancing the bill from General File vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the advancement of LB 768. Please record your vote. Record your vote on the advancement of LB 768. Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance 768.

PRESIDENT: LB 768 is advanced. I have a request from the Speaker to pass over LB 983 on the agenda. And we move to LB 985.

CLERK: Mr. President, 985 offered by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) bill was read on January 12, referred to the Public Works Committee for hearing, was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the bill authorizes the Natural Resources Commission to set aside into another fund amounts of money that are appropriated in excess of \$5 million to be used for special projects. The Commission, at the present time, is not required to reappropriate unexpended funds. So they can't, in effect, carry funds over from year to year at the present time. This just puts it into statute, a practice which has been taking place in some cases, although not very often because we have not usually appropriated that kind of money but it does establish or authorize them, in the event sometime in the future we do appropriate that kind of money. I move the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Schmit, will you yield to a question? Does this have, I know that yesterday you did appear before the Appropriations Committee on a bill that you presented. Is this part of that program? Is this tied into that?